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1. DURING SEPT. 2 CONVERSATION, ECONMIN STATE SEC. ROHWEDDER TOLD ECON/COMM. MINISTER HE WAS SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN AS TO WHAT "INDUSTRIAL POLICY" MEANT, BUT IF IT MEANT COOPERATIVE PROJECTS, RECENT MERCURE 200 AGREEMENT HARDLY REFLECTED STRENGTHENING OF FRENCH/GERMAN RELATIONSHIP.

2. HE WAS AWARE OF NO RECENT FRENCH INITIATIVES WITH THE FRG. IN ALL FRANKNESS, ROHWEDDER COMPLAINED THAT MOST FRENCH/GERMAN PROJECTS END UP IN THE FRENCH GOING THE AMERICAN WAY, CITING NUCLEAR AND COMPUTER FIELDS (UNIDATA).

3. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT PARLIAMENTARY STATE SEC. GRUENER RETURNED FROM HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE U.S.

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WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THE MCDONNELL/DOUGLAS

ARRANGEMENT WAS FAR FROM FIRM. IN THAT CONNECTION, ROHWEDDER SAID HE HAD WRITTEN TO AIRBUS GROUP, POINTING TO LARGE INVESTMENT IN AIRBUS BY FRG, AND WARNING THAT MERCURE 200 WOULD BE THREAT TO DEVELOPMENT OF AIRBUS "FAMILY".

4. ALL OF THIS NOTWITHSTANDING, ROHWEDDER HAD THE WARMEST OF WORDS FOR NEW FRENCH PREMIER, BARRE, SAYING THAT HE EXPECTED AN IMPROVEMENT IN FRENCH/FRG ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS UNDER THE BARRE GOVERNMENT, AN OPINION WE HAD ALREADY HEARD EXPRESSED ELSEWHERE IN THE FRG.

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